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Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Eric Dixon, 25, Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 27 months in prison for distributing heroin. Dixon pleaded guilty to this charge on October 28, 2009.

Dixon is the fourth of nine defendants to be sentenced in federal court after a series of arrests in August related to heroin trafficking. The remaining defendants - Walter Green, Chavis Webster, Mike Adams, Cherish Jones, and Yarnell Fuller - are scheduled to be sentenced in early 2010. Earlier this week, Brian Adams was sentenced to ten years in prison, Derek Farmer was sentenced to 78 months in prison, and Corey Webster was sentenced to 151 months in prison for their respective roles in the case.

The charges against Dixon were the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Madison Police Department, the Middleton Police Department, the Sun Prairie Police Department, the McFarland Police Department, the DeForest Police Department, and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeff Anderson and Paul Connell.